

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

AN ADJUSTMENT OF RATES OF DELTA NATURAL)
GAS COMPANY, INC.) CASE NO. 97-066

O R D E R

On March 14, 1997, Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc. ("Delta") filed an application with the Commission wherein it proposed to adjust its rates for gas service rendered on and after April 13, 1997.


The Commission finds that, pursuant to KRS 278.190, further proceedings are necessary in order to determine the reasonableness of the proposed rates and that such proceedings cannot be completed prior to the proposed effective date.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The proposed rates are suspended for five months from April 13, 1997 up to and including September 12, 1997.
2. Nothing contained herein shall prevent the Commission from entering a final decision in this case prior to the termination of the suspension period.
3. The procedural scheduled set forth in Appendix A, attached hereto and incorporated herein, shall be followed in this case.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 3rd day of April, 1997.

ATTEST:


Executive Director

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


For the Commission

APPENDIX A

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 97-066 DATED APRIL 3, 1997

All requests for information to Delta shall
be due no later than 5/02/97

Delta shall mail or deliver responses to
the requests for information no later than 5/16/97

All supplemental requests for information (to
include only those matters within the scope of
the initial requests) to Delta shall be
due no later than 5/23/97

Delta shall mail or deliver responses to
supplemental requests for information
no later than 6/03/97

Intervenor testimony, if any, shall be filed
in verified prepared form no later than 6/17/97

All requests for information to Intervenors
shall be due no later than 7/01/97

Intervenors shall mail or deliver responses to
requests for information no later than 7/15/97

Last day for Delta to publish notice
of hearing date 8/04/97

Public Hearing is to begin at 10:00 a.m., Eastern
Daylight Time, in Hearing Room 1 of the Commission's
offices at 730 Schenkel Lane, Frankfort, Kentucky,
for the purpose of cross-examination of witnesses
of Delta and witnesses of the Intervenors 8/11/97

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

AN ADJUSTMENT OF GENERAL RATES OF)
DELTA NATURAL GAS COMPANY, INC.) CASE NO. 97-066

O R D E R

Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc. ("Delta") having moved for an extension of time until April 18, 1997 in which to submit its response to the Commission's March 14, 1997 Order and the Commission finding good cause, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Delta's motion is granted.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 3rd day of April, 1997.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


For the Commission

ATTEST:


Executive Director